(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken in the matter; and

(c) the steps being devised to check nefarious acts of corruption in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) No, Sir No such inquiry was conducted by Delhi Police

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The steps taken to check malpractices include laying down of detailed guidelines for posting/transfer of personnel, strengthening of Vigilance Branch; setting up of Public Grievances Cell in each district, earmarking Post Box 171 to enable the public to inform the Commissioner of Police about any criminal or corrupt practice by officials of Delhi Police; conducting of surprise checks by vigilance branch and senior officers; keeping a close watch on the conduct of official of doubtful integrity; and imposing suitable punishments on delinquent officials.

Statehood to Delhi

†324 SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to give full statehood to Delhi,

(b) if so, the details thereof, and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK). (a) to (c) The draft Delhi Reorganisation Bill, 1998 had been sent to the Government of the NCT of Delhi for their views, which are still awaited. The Chief Minister of Delhi, however, while conveying the Resolution passed by the Legislative Assembly of Delhi seeking statehood, has also sought special category status to the proposed State under article 371 of the Constitution in view of the specific financial and security concerns of the capital of the country.

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